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The communication filed February 22, 2000 crossed in the mail with the Final Office action that was mailed on February 16, 2000. Applicant is correct that the Advisory action of January 20, 2000 was in error because the Office action mailed September 27, 1999 was not a Final Office action. The error is regretted.

The time period for response continues to be measured from the February 16, 2000 mailing date of the Final Office action.

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